GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:208
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2000
RESTRUCTURING OF WILDLIFE INSTITUTE OF INDIA
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO;SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to re-structure the of Wildlife Institute of India (WII);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to make the Institute more result-oriented; and

(d) the steps taken by the Institute in listing and protecting the country`s biological resources from international poaching?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a),(b),(c)&(d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c) AND (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.208 BY SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO AND SHRI SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV REGARDING RESTRUCTURING OF WILDLIFE INSTITUTE OF IN FOR REPLY ON 4-12-2000.

(a)&(b) No proposal to restructure the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun is under consideration of the Government. However, the Ministry constituted a Committee to conduct a review of the working ofWildlife Institute of India and to suggest the strategies for enhancing the role of the Institute in the upgradation of wildlife management in the country, under the chairmanship of Dr. Biplab Dasgupta, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha).The Committee submitted its report to the Ministry on 31-1-2000. The main recommendation of the committee is that the Institute should concentrate on developing excellence in the areas of its main mandate i.e. Research, Training and Education on wildlife related issues.

(c) The steps taken by the Ministry to make the Wildlife Institute of India more result oriented include strengthening of faculty, providing increased working space and upgradation of the technical skills of the faculty members through participation in training programmes and workshops.

(d) The listing of biological resources of the country is being done by Zoological Survey of India and Botanical Survey of India for Fauna and Flora respectively. The Wildlife Institute of India helps in protecting the country`s biological resources from international poaching i.e. being smuggled out of the country, by way of sensitization of the officers of the Customs Department and various Paramilitary Forces through training workshops. They are also contributing to the said objective by upgrading the skills of field formations of the Forest Department in the Wildlife Forensic Science and International Conventions.